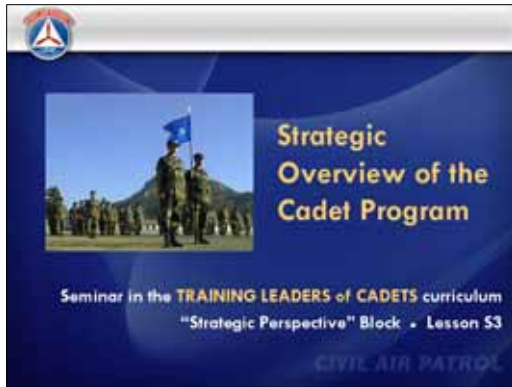


Training Leaders of Cadets – “Strategic Perspectives” Block (S3)

STRATEGIC OVERVIEW OF THE CADET PROGRAM



Scope: During this seminar, students will investigate how cadets perceive their own cadet experience, and what CAP means to them. Second, students will discuss what outcomes the Cadet Program achieves for America and the cadets themselves.

Format: Guided Discussion

Duration: 30 minutes

Objectives:

1. Describe how cadets perceive the Cadet Program and what CAP means to them.
2. Describe the outcomes the Cadet Program achieves for America and the cadets themselves.

Resources: CAPP 52, *Investing in America's Youth*; Powerpoint slides.



INTRODUCTION & OVERVIEW



MAIN POINT #1: CADETS' PERSPECTIVES

Take a moment and imagine what it is like to be a cadet. What does the Cadet Program mean to you if you are 14 years old? As a young person, what do you think you are getting out of your cadet experience?

Classmates' Ideas:

Instructor's Ideas & Conclusions:



MAIN POINT #2: LONG-TERM OUTCOMES OF BEING A CADET

Now imagine yourself as a cadet's parent, their school principal, the mayor, or even the President. From that perspective, what do you believe the long-term benefits and outcomes of the Cadet Program are? What does the Cadet Program do for the cadets, their community and America?


Classmates' Ideas:


Instructor's Ideas & Conclusions:

How do the cadets' perspectives and the adults' perspectives compare? Are they identical? Similar? Different? How? If there are differences, what do they mean to you as a leader?

Classmates' Ideas:

Instructor's Ideas & Conclusions:

 Summary & conclusions

<p>Cadets</p> <p>Focus on the immediate benefits of the program.</p> <p>Need mentors to help them see the big picture.</p> 	<p>Leaders of Cadets</p> <p>Ensure local activities fulfill CAP's long-term objectives for cadets.</p> <p>Know that America is depending on our youth to succeed.</p>
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SUMMARY & CONCLUSIONS

 Conclusion

 	 <p>"I am pushing myself to be a better person. I never knew how much I could accomplish until I joined CAP."</p> <p>- Cadet Kristin Miller</p> 
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For further reading:

CAPP 52, *Investing in America's Youth*. Included in the TLC workbook.

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